

Application No. 10/022,281  
Amendment dated January 17, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of November 22, 2005

Docket No. MESH033

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Submitted herewith are new Powers of Attorney and a Change in Correspondence Address in this application. It is respectfully requested that the Docket Number in this application be changed to read – MESH033.

Reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendment and remarks is respectfully requested. In the outstanding office action, claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 4-6, 10-11, and 16-18 are objected to. Claims 1-3, 7-9, and 12-15 are rejected.

#### **Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter:**

Applicants acknowledge the allowability of claims 4-6, 10-11, and 16-18 once amended to be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicants have amended the claims as follows:

- Independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable Claim 4, and Claim 4 has thus been cancelled.
- Dependent Claim 5 has been amended to be dependent on now believed allowable Claim 1.
- Claim 6 has been rewritten into independent form including all limitations of the base Claim 1.
- Independent Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable Claim 10, and Claim 10 has thus been cancelled.
- Dependent Claim 11 has been amended to be dependent on now believed allowable Claim 7.
- Independent Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable Claim 16, and Claim 16 has thus been cancelled.
- Dependent Claim 17 has been amended to be dependent on now believed allowable Claim 13.

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- Claim 18 has been rewritten into independent form including all the limitations of base claim 13.

**Rejection of Claims 1,2,7,8,12,13,14, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flammer George Henry III et al (US 6,480,497) in view of Prathima Agrawal (US 5,974,327):**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 7, and 13 as herein amended and Claims 2, 8, 12, 14, and 15 without amendment under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flammer George Henry III et al (US 6,480,497) in view of Prathima Agrawal (US 5,974,327).

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable Claim 4 and thus is respectfully believed to also be allowable.

Independent Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable Claim 10 and thus is respectfully believed to also be allowable.

Independent Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable Claim 16 and thus is respectfully believed to also be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claim 2 without amendment. Claim 2 contains further limitations of the now believed to be allowable amended claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 8 and 12 without amendment. Claims 8 and 12 contain further limitations of the now believed to be allowable amended claim 7.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 14 and 15 without amendment. Claims 14 and 15 contain further limitations of the now believed to be allowable amended claim 13.

**Rejection of Claims 3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flammer George Henry III et al (US 6,480,497) in view of Prathima Agrawal (US 5,974,327) and in further view of A.R. Rahavan et al (An unslotted multi channel access protocol):**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flammer George Henry III et al (US 6,480,497) in

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view of Prathima Agrawal (US 5,974,327) and in further view of A.R. Rahavan et al (An unslotted multi channel access protocol) as herein amended.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claim 3 without amendment. Claim 3 contains further limitations of the now believed to be allowable amended claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claim 9 without amendment. Claim 9 contains further limitations of the now believed to be allowable amended claim 7.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

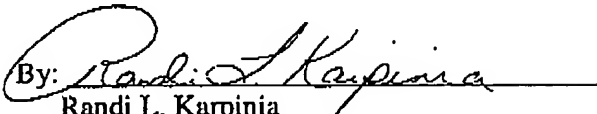
In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 502117, Motorola, Inc, with any fees which may be required in the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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